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People Over Party: A Look at What's Driving American Politics. Having dedicated his career to public service, including being elected to — and serving in — the U.S. Senate (D-AL), Doug Jones is uniquely positioned to speak to the state of American politics today. In this talk, he pairs his insider knowledge with comprehensive and insightful analysis of today's most-pressing issues in politics, policy, and society, from the rise of hyper-partisanship and the increasing influence of special interests to specific topics in areas such as healthcare, voting rights, immigration, and civil rights. As he addresses the issues that matter most to groups and their organizations, Jones sticks to the facts and pairs his objective insights with engaging anecdotes from his experiences as a U.S. Senator and U.S. Attorney. Overall, he stresses the importance of people over party as we work to create a better America.

Lessons Learned from a Life of Public Service. Doug Jones has been regarded as a changemaker throughout his career in public service — both as leading attorney and establishment-breaking U.S. Senator. Among Jones' career milestones, he successfully prosecuted the perpetrators responsible for the 16th Street Baptist Church Bombings that took the lives of four young Black girls, became the first Democrat to win an Alabama Senate seat in 25 years, and passed more than two dozen bipartisan bills into law during his tenure in the Senate. Through it all, he solidified his reputation as an effective legislator and consensus builder who never shied away from fighting “impossible” battles.

In this talk, Jones retraces the steps of his distinguished career and offers audiences a front-row seat to some of the most important conversations and moments in recent history that have helped shape America into what it is today. His stories are fascinating, and his lessons on finding common ground, working together to tackle tough issues, and retooling our society for the benefit of people from all walks of life provide food for thought as we contemplate what the future looks like for our nation.

The Keys to Financial and Economic Growth and Opportunity. During his tenure in the U.S. Senate, Doug Jones was a member of various committees, including the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee. With this level of insight, he leads an engaging and informative overview of our country's current economic and financial landscape, exploring how leaders and decision-makers are approaching the issues at hand, as well as the ways in which policy decisions could potentially impact organizations and individuals in the short- and long-term.

Bending Toward Justice: The Birmingham Church Bombing & Civil Rights in America. Doug Jones has been a vocal advocate for social justice and civil rights for the entirety of his career. As a U.S. attorney, he successfully prosecuted the individuals responsible for the 16th Street Church Bombing in Alabama and brought justice for the four young Black girls who lost their lives in the attack; the case had gone unresolved for decades. In later years, as a U.S. Senator (D-AL), he used his position to pass legislation that provided permanent funding to historically Black colleges and universities and shed light on Civil Rights-era cold cases.

In this talk, Jones recounts his experiences leading the prosecution that served as a key moment in our nation's long struggle for equality. His vivid, firsthand recollections of the Alabama church bombing case take audiences back in time and to a place where they can see and feel history in the making, and take in the lessons from such a landmark in the fight for equality. As part of this open and honest talk, Jones moves the conversation into the present day to highlight the progress that has been made in civil rights in the years following the case, as well as the challenges that still need to be addressed if we are to create the best possible future for all.